

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1970

including

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of the

SURVEYOR AND SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES
9 WESTGATE
BRIDLINGTON

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:

Councillor T. Woodhouse, J.P.

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Councillor J. Brown
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Clerk to the Council:

R. A. LAKIN

Medical Officer of Health:

R. SCHOFIELD, M.D., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector:

G. ANDERSON, C.S.I.B.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

H. FELL, Cert.S.I.B.

A. M. BARKER, M.A.P.H.I.
(to 31st March 1970)

D. J. S. SNOWDEN, M.A.P.H.I.
(from 1st September 1970)

Health Office,
4 St. John's Avenue,
Bridlington.

November 1971

To the Chairman and Councillors
Rural District of Bridlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1970.

The Registrar General's figure for the population at mid-year 1970 was 8,870, the same as last year.

There were 104 live births and 120 deaths during the year compared with 109 births and 116 deaths in 1969. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 13.7 per thousand population is lower than the national rate of 16.0 per thousand. The adjusted death rate of 11.3 per thousand population compares favourably with the national figure.

The causes of death follow the expected pattern with diseases of the heart and circulation, and cancer predominating. One third of the deaths were due to two diseases known to be associated with cigarette smoking, namely lung cancer and ischaemic heart disease. There were two deaths of infants under one year of age.

71 cases of measles were notified during the summer months. The occurrence of such a large number of cases at an unusual time of the year is probably related to the vaccination programme. Adverse publicity and the withdrawal of vaccine from one Manufacturer brought the campaign virtually to a halt in 1969. As a result, many children were left unprotected, and caught measles during the summer of 1970.

Steady improvement in the sanitary circumstances of the district continued during the year. At the time of writing preparatory work on the Council's proposals to improve the sewage disposal facilities in the village of Flamborough is well advanced.

Water continued to be supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board and was satisfactory in quantity and quality.

In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work and help during the year, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. SCHOFIELD

Medical Officer of Health

S T A T I S T I C S

GENERAL

Area in acres	67,132
Population 1970 Registrar General	8,870
Rateable Value 1970/71	£305,124
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,210
Estimated number of inhabited houses	3,950

VITAL

Live Births

Number	104
Crude Birth Rate	11.7
Adjusted Birth Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.17 . . .	13.7
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births) . . .	5.0

Still Births

Number	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	19.0
Total live and still births	106
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	2

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	19.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births . . .	20.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births.)	10.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	-


Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).	19.0
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-

Deaths

Number	120
Crude Death Rate	13.5
Adjusted Death Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 0.84 . . .	11.3
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population.	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	14
Rate per 1,000 population	1.6
Deaths from Heart Disease	33
Rate per 1,000 population	3.7
Deaths from Cancer.	34
Rate per 1,000 population	3.8



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PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live Births	16.0 per 1,000 population
Still Births	13.0 per 1,000 total live and still births

Deaths

Death Rate.	11.7 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality	18.0 per 1,000 live births

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BRIDLINGTON R.D. 1970 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All Causes	62	58
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
Cancer, Oesophagus	1	-
Cancer, Stomach	1	3
Cancer, Intestine	2	3
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus	6	-
Cancer, Breast	-	6
Leukaemia	-	1
Cancer, Other Sites	4	7
Diabetes Mellitus.	1	1
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	9
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	13	13
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	1
Influenza.	1	3
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	1
Asthma	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND POPULATION DURING LAST 11 YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>	<u>Population</u>
1960	140	102	9,440
1961	97	114	9,230
1962	119	109	9,080
1963	123	109	9,190
1964	105	105	8,950
1965	128	111	8,900
1966	99	115	8,810
1967	125	124	8,840
1968	103	109	8,930
1969	109	116	8,870
1970	104	120	8,870

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under one year
Congenital Anomalies . . .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System . . .	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified during 1970

Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown	Total Deaths
Dysentery	1	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	0	-	0	0	1	-	-	0
Measles	-	23	46	1	1	-	0	0	-
Scarlet Fever	0	-	1	-	0	-	0	0	-
Whooping Cough	0	-	1	-	0	0	0	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1969 and 1970

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Dysentery	-	1
Infective Jaundice	4	1
Measles	1	71
Scarlet Fever	2	1
Whooping Cough	-	1



Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1969	39	24	12	18	93
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	1	—	—	—	1
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Inward Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc. . .	—	—	—	—	—
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1970	40	24	12	18	94

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospital facilities are available at Scarborough, Bridlington and Driffield.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the "3 B's" Car Park on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. 335 persons were examined during 1970.

Nursing Homes

There are no private Nursing Homes in the District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House, Bridlington, Danes Lea, Bridlington, Carr Head, Bridlington, and "The Limes", Driffield. These four Homes together have beds for 194 elderly persons.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this Section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES - NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The following services are provided in the District by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:-

Infant Welfare Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held in the following villages:-

Flixton - every four weeks on a Wednesday.

Flamborough - every two weeks on a Thursday.

Hunmanby - every two weeks on a Wednesday.

Rudston - the last clinic at Rudston was held in May 1970.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Home Nursing Service. Three Nurse/Midwives serve the District. One resides at Burton Agnes, one at Weaverthorpe and the other at Bridlington.

Health Visiting

Four Health Visitors serve the District. Their office is at 4 St. John's Avenue, Bridlington.

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Midwifery Service as indicated above.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in St. John Street, Bridlington (telephone number 2421).

Domestic Help

Home Help Service which is rendered in the District is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number 0482 881281).

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council hold a cervical cytology session at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington, when required.

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority schools in the District. In addition the following facilities are provided at the County Council's Oxford Street premises in Bridlington:-

Minor Ailment Clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic.	Daily by appointment.
Speech Therapy	Four weekly sessions.

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Buckrose Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months a co-ordinating committee, under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Bridlington to co-ordinate the work of Officers in the District who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Department of Health and Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Probation Officers and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the chair of the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.



VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes. In the Rural Area the Depots for these requisites are:-

Miss Chappell, Peace Haven, Rosemoor Close, Hunmanby.
Miss Wilson, Little Denmark, Thwing.
Miss Watson, The Hall, Skipsea.

Women's Royal Voluntary Service

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the District, which includes:-

Meals on Wheels
Good Neighbour Services
Darby and Joan Clubs
Clothing in cases of need or emergency

Family Planning Association

On the 1st April this year East Riding County Council took over the services provided by the Family Planning Association. A clinic is held on the first, second and third Wednesdays in each month at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington. Attendance is by appointment.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The Bridlington Rural Area lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and cases requiring the services of the Society were visited by Inspector Hammer working from York. Inspector Hammer's work is much appreciated by those of us in the area concerned with child welfare.

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Midland Bank Chambers,
9 Westgate,
Bridlington.

ANNUAL REPORT 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridlington Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I enclose my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1970.

General:

Summary of visits made by the Public Health Inspectors during 1970.

Summary:

Housing Acts	317
Public Health	375
Food Premises	130
Meat and Slaughterhouse Inspection	316
Factories	35
Rodent Control	210
Public Cleansing	325
Council House Maintenance	712
Camps and Caravan Sites	200
Sewage Works and Drainage Inspection	750
Water Supplies	40
Milk Legislation	20
Petroleum Licences	50

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Maintenance:

The maintenance of the various works continues to follow the pattern of previous years, plant operating within design limits being satisfactory; overburdened plant difficult in operation and unrewarding of effort in terms of satisfactory effluent.

Skipsea Area Disposal Works:

The plant is the most sophisticated in its engineering of any in the District. The standard of maintenance required is considerable and has in the main been effectively carried out. Few difficulties are met with in the winter months, the ubiquitous non degradable plastic container causing some trouble with blocked valves on pumps and ejectors during the holiday season. Unestablished causes were responsible for failure to meet B.O.D. standards and filter deterioration at times during the summer. No difficulty has been encountered in disposing of dewatered sludge from the Paxman unit.

Flamborough:

The position of 1969 is repeated, sewer flushing being necessary in summer dry spells and a degree of apprehension in summer thunderstorms or prolonged wet spells. 1971 should see preparatory work on the Council's proposals well advanced.

Bempton:

The development of the Village continues as additional land is cleared for development by the Planning Authorities. Although small in numbers of houses each estate developed represents a significant percentage increase on the already overloaded works. The extra attention paid to the works and the design characteristics tolerating overloading have kept final effluent samples satisfactory.

Rudston S.D. Works:

The effective operation of the works is dependent on the ability to gain access with mobile pumping equipment and in wet weather the works are inadequately maintained. The quality of effluent samples is also variable. The works serve only part of the Village and it is thought that further development of the Village is necessary to produce conditions in which complete proposals to provide full facilities are likely to come about.

Reighton:

The Reighton and Speeton Scheme is now well advanced and there is every reason to anticipate completion within the contract period.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Considerable credit is due to the collectors whose efforts have produced a service in the main free from complaints.

A weekly collection is maintained throughout the defined collection area, the service during the holiday season being maintained at the cost of considerable overtime working and transfer of labour from other sections of the Council's service.

The enhanced holiday entitlement of the staff represents a period of 30 weeks during which the crews are undermanned.

Vehicles:

Arrangements made for servicing vehicles have been extremely valuable in ensuring the continuing availability of vehicles; vehicle breakdown has been reduced and mostly minor when occurring.

Disposal:

The tips in use by the Council are at Flamborough and Bampton. The use of the Flamborough Tip is assessed as some nine months before sealing off with topsoil.

The Bampton Tip is vulnerable to the attention of unauthorised persons and has had to be closed down after being set on fire.

The comments of the 1969 Report are repeated regarding the need for the production of a more acceptable end product, reduced in bulk, acceptable for disposal in areas no longer available by reason of Planning restrictions and water supply protection and public health grounds.

FOOD AND MEAT INSPECTION

The two licensed private slaughterhouses continue in operation. The quality of the carcase meat sold is high. Inspection of animals slaughtered is 100%.

The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered with comparative figures from 1963.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Bovine	306	279	245	243	254	226	312	282
Calves	39	2	-	-	-	3	-	-
Sheep & Lambs	776	766	695	665	781	780	809	775
Pigs	324	289	372	302	288	290	419	309
	<u>1445</u>	<u>1336</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1210</u>	<u>1323</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1366</u>

Condemned Meat:

Meat unfit for consumption is surrendered and disposed of by the Council.

Bovine: Liver 385 lbs. - abscessed and parasitic condition.
Lungs - 1 pair - Pleurisy.
Heads/Tongues - 1 No. - C. Bovis.

Pigs: Liver 10 lbs. - Milk Spot.
Head 8 No. - Presumptive Tuberculosis.
Heart 3 No. - Pericarditis.
Lungs 8 pairs - Pleurisy - Pneumonia.

Sheep: Liver 10 lbs. - Necrosis, Cirrhosis.
Carcase meat - 60 lbs. - generalized oedema.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nuisances:

Complaints of public health nuisance were few and dealt with as they arose.

Methods of intensive rearing of animals, particularly pigs, are now finding favour in the District. The Department has endeavoured to ensure that sufficient land to each unit is available for the disposal of slurry from 'wet waste' methods. The nuisance potential arising from this activity is considerable; economically a necessity, such development should not nevertheless be allowed to develop in close proximity to centres of population to the detriment of amenity and well being of the residents.

RODENT CONTROL

All rodent control work is carried out on contract basis both on Council property and private property. The system has worked well and effectively.

HOUSING

The housing conditions in the area continue to be improved. The facilities available for payment of grant under the provisions of the Housing Acts play a large part. There remains a hard core of property owner-occupied by persons of limited resources unable to take advantage of the facilities available.

Work on the erection of the Hunmanby group flat scheme is in progress. The scheme consists of two storey blocks containing flats, communal rooms and ancillary service rooms, visitors accommodation and accommodation for two wardens.

Bungalows adjoining the site have been brought within the group having access to the facilities available.

STAFF

The Department lost the services of an Inspector in April; the loss of an experienced officer at the beginning of the year in an area such as this considerably reduces the effectiveness of the Department in all routine duties.

It was not possible to secure the services of another Inspector until September.

Yours faithfully,

H. FELL.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

p.p. Surveyor,
Senior Public Health Inspector.

23rd November 1971

